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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 6, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

A method for manufacturing an oral medicine preventing an unpleasant taste related to the present invention should not be especially limited, and the medicine can be manufactured by a method which is usually used. For example, for a granule medicine, an excipient such as milk sugar, manitol, a starch and crystal cellulose, a disintegrating agent and the like, such as carboxymethylcellulose, are mixed into a medicine and κ-carrageenan, with adding a solution wherein a binding agent such as hydroxypropylcellulose, the granule medicine can be manufactured by the use of a granulator which is usually used. ~~And~~ In addition, a method for manufacturing an oral liquid medicine should not be especially limited. For example, a basic medicine and an anionic polymeric substance are ~~solved~~ dissolved in water to manufacture the oral liquid medicine. Furthermore, a sweetening agent such as cane sugar, xylitol, mannitol, glucose, aspartame and saccharin, and a taste-reforming agent such as vanilla essence and apple odor can be added to it. Since the oral medicine related to the present invention prevents an unpleasant taste such as a bitter taste, numbness and contraction, it is easily administrated and compliance of a patient improves. Especially, ~~it~~ the present invention is effective on infants, aged people. A mechanism that the oral medicine related to the present invention prevents an unpleasant taste is considered as follows. That is to say, it is considered that when a basic substance having an unpleasant taste

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brings about an interaction with an acidic polysaccharide to be dissolved in ~~salvia~~, saliva, or through decrease of liberated bodies in a solution, a bonding rate of the basic substance to a receptor of a tongue is decreased, and in addition, appearance of numbness is also decreased.